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Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121)

The amendment document filed on 3-8-05 is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121. In order for the amendment document to be compliant, correction of the following item(s) is required. Only the corrected section of the non-compliant amendment document must be resubmitted (in its entirety); e.g., the entire "Amendments to the claims" section of applicant's amendment document must be re-submitted. 37 CFR 1.121(d).

THE FOLLOWING CHECKED (X) ITEM(S) CAUSE THE AMENDMENT DOCUMENT TO BE NON-COMPLIANT:

- ☐ 1. Amendments to the specification:
- ☐ A. Amended paragraph(s) do not include markings.
  - ☐ B. New paragraph(s) should not be underlined.
  - ☐ C. Other \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ 2. Abstract:
- ☐ A. Not presented on a separate sheet. 37 CFR 1.72.
  - ☐ B. Other \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ 3. Amendments to the drawings: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ 4. Amendments to the claims:
- ☐ A. A complete listing of all of the claims is not present.
  - ☐ B. The listing of claims does not include the text of all pending claims (including withdrawn claims).
  - ☒ C. Each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier, and as such, the individual status of each claim cannot be identified. Note: the status of every claim must be indicated after its claim number by using one of the following 7 status identifiers: (Original), (Currently amended), (Canceled), (Withdrawn), (Previously presented), (New) and (Not entered).
  - ☐ D. The claims of this amendment paper have not been presented in ascending numerical order.
  - ☐ E. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

For further explanation of the amendment format required by 37 CFR 1.121, see MPEP Sec. 714 and the USPTO website at <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/dapp/opla/prcognnotice/officeflyer.pdf>.

If the non-compliant amendment is a **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**, applicant is given **ONE MONTH** from the mail date of this letter to supply the corrected section which complies with 37 CFR 1.121. Failure to comply with this letter to supply the corrected section within this **ONE MONTH** time limit will result in non-entry of the preliminary amendment and examination on the merits will commence without consideration of the proposed changes in the preliminary amendment. This notice is not an action under 35 U.S.C. 132, and **this ONE MONTH time limit is not extendable.**

If the non-compliant amendment is a reply to a **NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION** (including a submission for an RCE), and since the amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to be a reply (37 CFR 1.135(c)), applicant is given **ONE MONTH** from the mailing of this notice within which to re-submit the corrected section which complies with 37 CFR 1.121 in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD ARE AVAILABLE UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

If the amendment is a reply to a **FINAL REJECTION**, this form may be an attachment to an Advisory Action. **The period for response to a final rejection continues to run from the date set in the final rejection**, and is not affected by the non-compliant status of the amendment.

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Examiner: Alfred Joseph Wujciak III

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Mr. Ellis, 5/19/05

Here is a copy of the  
response I sent on March 3, 2005.  
It had claim identifiers!

Don Sandkuhl

#### B. Amendment to the Specifications

Page 8 of the Office Action Summary indicates two misspelled words on Page 6 of my patent application requiring correction.

Response: No correction is required, because there weren't any misspelled words on Page 6 of my application. (Microsoft Word spell checker was used on the entire document.)

Page 8 of the Office Action Summary indicates three misspelled words on Page 2 of my patent application requiring correction.

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#### C. Amendment to the Claims

##### Listing of Claims

Claim 1. (amended) ✓

##### CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A guitar stand, comprising:

a first short hinge leaf, used to fasten the guitar stand to the ~~guitar~~ <sup>deleted</sup> guitar with screws <sup>added</sup> using two of the existing screws that hold the guitar neck plate in place;

a second long hinge leaf, with attached cross plate that stabilizes the guitar stand;

a hinge pin, that holds the short hinge leaf and long hinge leaf of the hinge together;

a cross plate, with two extension feet, that is riveted to the second long hinge leaf;

a pair of vinyl boots, that cover the extension feet on the cross plate;

a VELCRO® fastener, attached to the cross plate of the guitar stand;

a mating VELCRO® fastener, attached to the rear of the guitar.

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Claim 2 (amended) ✓

2. A guitar stand that can be attached to <sup>added</sup> or removed from a guitar ~~with screws~~ <sup>deleted</sup> using the existing screws that come with a guitar, without damaging the guitar or its finish.

Claim 3 (withdrawn) ✓

Claim 4 (amended) ✓

4. The guitar stand according to claim 1, further comprises a second long leaf and a cross plate that has ~~two extension feet and vinyl boots~~ <sup>deleted</sup> that prevent the guitar stand from sliding on the floor, while the guitar is being supported by the guitar stand as it sets on the floor; and further understanding that the cross plate is connected to the second hinge leaf by rivets; also understanding that the second long hinge leaf and the cross plate and that can be fabricated as a single unit using a laser cutting tool, <sup>added</sup> made from one piece of material, to facilitate manufacture of the guitar stand.

Claim 5 (withdrawn) ✓

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